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1. YESTERDAY EVENING AFTER THE CONCLUSION OF THE POLITICAL COMMITTEE MEETING HERE, DANISH EC PRESIDENCY CHIEF, JORGEN BOJER, BRIEFED US ON THE POLITICAL DIRECTORS' DISCUSSION OF THE IMPACT OF ENLARGEMENT ON POLITICAL COOPERATION. THE RESULTS OF THE POLITICAL DIRECTORS' DELIBERATIONS ON THIS SUBJECT WILL BE SUBMITTED TO FOREIGN MINISTERS AT THEIR JUNE 12 MEETING ON POLITICAL COOPERATION IN COPENHAGEN. (BOJER NOTED PARENTHETICALLY THAT THE JUNE 12 DATE MIGHT HAVE TO BE CHANGED BECAUSE OF SCHEDULING PROBLEMS OF THE FRENCH FOREIGN MINISTER.)

3. BOJER REHEARSED THE CONTINUING PREOCCUPATION OF
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THE NINE WITH THE PREPARATION OF GREECE FOR POLITICAL COOPERATION AND SAID THAT POLITICAL DIRECTORS DECIDED THAT A MORE OR LESS FIRM CALENDAR OF SPECIFIC STEPS WOULD BE ESTABLISHED TO BRING THE GREEKS INTO THE PROCESS WITHOUT DAMAGING SHOCKS EITHER TO THEM OR TO THE NINE. AFTER THIS CALENDAR IS ESTABLISHED, THE NINE WILL HAVE TO CON-

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CENTRATE ON THE COMMUNITY'S RELATIONSHIP WITH TURKEY.

3. THE NINE HAVE NOT YET REALLY LOOKED HARD AT THE TURKISH PROBLEM. DRAWING ON HIS RECENT TRIP TO TURKEY, BRITISH POLITICAL DIRECTOR REGINALD HIBBERT ADVANCED SOME IDEAS ON HOW CONSULTATIONS WITH THE TURKS SHOULD PROGRESS. THESE CONSULTATIONS, ON SOME SORT OF STRUCTURED BASIS, WOULD HAVE TO BE UNDER WAY IN THE PERIOD BETWEEN THE TIME OF THE SIGNATURE BY THE GREEKS OF THEIR "CONTRACT" WITH THE NINE AND ACTUAL ACCESSION ITSELF. IN THIS PERIOD THE GREEKS PRESUMABLY WILL HAVE CONSIDERABLE "SAY SO" IN THE POLITICAL COOPERATION OF THE NINE, AND, IT APPEARED TO HIBBERT ON THE BASIS OF WHAT HE WAS TOLD BY THE TURKS, THAT THEY WILL WANT SOMETHING VERY NEAR THE EQUIVALENT OF THE WEIGHT THAT THE GREEKS WILL HAVE ACHIEVED.

4. BOJER COMMENTED THAT IT WOULD BE OBVIOUSLY IMPOSSIBLE TO ACCORD TURKISH VIEWS EQUAL WEIGHT WITH THOSE OF THE GREEKS AND THAT THIS WILL CAUSE PROBLEMS. IT IS, ON THE OTHER HAND, AN ENCOURAGING MANIFESTATION OF THE TURKISH DESIRE TO LOOK EST INSTEAD OF EAST.

5. IN ADDITION TO GIVING MORE OR LESS FORMAL CON-
SIDERATION TO THE ENLARGEMENT OF THE GREEK-TURKISH QUESTION AT THEIR JUNE MEETING, BOJER SAID FOREIGN
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MINISTERS WILL UNDOUBTEDLY DISCUSS THE VARIOUS FACETS OF THE FUTURE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE NINE AND TURKEY AT THEIR INFORMAL MAY 20 MEETING ON THE DANNISH ISLAND OF FYN.
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